

## COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 3, 2014 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Mayor Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

Present:	Bud Weer
	Lois Newman
	Joyce Robertson
	Scott Tobias
	Doris Beeman
Absent:	Keith Warner

The council packet included minutes from the 10/20/14 meeting, check list (8028-8058), village administrator report, Anthem health insurance options spreadsheet, fund balance sheet, November income tax report, R24-14, Ord 15-14, Ord 16-14, Ord 17-14, R26-14 and proposed employee sick leave policy.

Nonmembers present include Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Carmen Siefring-Fiscal Officer, and the newspaper.

### **Agenda:**

A motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the 10/20/14 meeting are approved as read.

### **Bills/Financials**

There were no questions regarding the fund sheet or bills.

### **Visitors –none had comments**

### **Mayors Report**

- Mayor McCord stated that he met with GIVE Medical Ministries and said that they plan to begin having health services in the Government Center once a month beginning in January or February of 2015.
- The mayor thanked the police department and Optimists for the Costume contest. There were 54 contestants.
- The mayor reminded those present that the Candlelight Christmas will be the next two weekends. Pictures with Santa are this weekend.

### **Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:**

- We had a preconstruction meeting with VTF on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Materials are scheduled to begin to arrive on or about November 7 with construction of the headwall to begin the following week.
- Mr. Busse included a letter for council's review from the Miami County Engineer concerning salt distribution.

- The asbestos removal contract has been awarded by the county. Demolition bids are due on Monday, November 10, 2014.
- We will have a phase 1 design kick-off meeting the second week of November. Mike's sanitation cleaned out the West aeration tank. We will be repairing a drain valve on this tank and will be putting it back in service as soon as the repair is completed.
- The main plant control computer display stopped functioning. We determined that the backlight on the panel is bad. We have ordered parts and hope to have it fully functional this week. The plant continues to function normally at this time.
- The Village has received a notice of preliminary award for the storm damage reimbursement. More paperwork will be filed with the Ohio EMA.
- Mr. Busse asked Council to consider moving trick or treat to a Sunday for safety reasons. Tobias and Robertson were not interested.
- Mr. Busse presented several options for income tax collection including hiring an in-house person or contracting with St. Mary's, Vandalia or Rita. There were no questions or comments regarding 2013 tax collections. Robertson and Newman were opposed to using an outside contractor. At the end of the meeting a vote was taken to provide the Village Administrator with direction. Beeman, Tobias and Weer directed Mr. Busse to pursue a contract with the City of St. Marys @ 3.8% of collections.
- Mr. Busse provided a spreadsheet illustrating the costs for the employee health renewal with two additional options.

## Legislation

- Council held the 3rd reading of *R24-14 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter Into a 4-Year Contract with the Covington Special Fire Department for Fire Protection and Firefighting Services with an annual contract amount of \$130,000*. Mr. Busse thanked the fire department for working together to draft a mutually beneficial contract. A motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman to approve R24-14. BW – abstain, JR, LN, DB, ST – ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion to approve *Ordinance 16-14 Amending the Official Zoning Map of the Village of Covington and Changing the Zoning Designation of Certain Parcels located at 309 Sharon Street* as made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Council reviewed and discussed of the employee health insurance options with Anthem Blue Shield and agent McGohan Brabender as provided by Mr. Busse. The Villages current plan would see a 10.85% premium increase. A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Newman to proceed with option one which continues with the same two plan choices, continues with the 15% employee contribution towards the premium. The deductible for both plan choices will increase \$500/individual or \$1000/family. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion to approve *Resolution R26-14 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a One-Year Agreement with Anthem Blue Shield / McGohan Brabender for employee Health Insurance Coverage* was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson to amend the Employee Sick Leave Policy as attached to Councils' packet and included with Salary Ord 8-14. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Council held the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 17-14 *Authorizing the Village Police Department to Issue Parking Tickets and Establishing Penalties.*

**Executive Session**

none

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Weer and seconded by Newman to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.  
8:30

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor